

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 13, 20, and 27 are amended, and claims 1-33 are pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the personal interview between the undersigned and Examiners Hossain and Winder on December 1, 2005. During the interview, agreement was reached that U.S. Patent No. 6,161,136 to Hyndman et al. does not disclose or teach the service object being received or transferred via the open protocol network. Hence, independent claims 1, 13, 20, and 27 have been amended to explicitly recite that the service object is received transferred "via the open protocol network." Independent claim 7 already specifies reception of a service object via the open protocol network at lines 3 and 10-11.

Claims 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as having been anticipated by US Patent No. 6,161,136 to Hyndman et al. The foregoing amendments render this rejection moot.

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) in view of Hyndman et al. and US Patent No. 5,926,177 to Hatanaka et al. In view of the agreement that Hyndman et al. does not disclose or teach the service object being received or transferred via the open protocol network, the foregoing amendments render this rejection moot.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-468, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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